

## USFS – Sequoia National Forest

Comments submitted by the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) Division to individual grant applicants should in no way be construed as a guarantee of successful results for the applicant within the competitive grants process or a commitment of funding. Additionally, the lack of comments by the OHMVR Division to any specific applicant does not ensure successful results for the applicant within the competitive grant process or a commitment of funding.

All final applications will be reviewed by the OHMVR Division. The OHMVR Division may, at its sole discretion, decrease the requested amount and eliminate activities pursuant with regulation Section 4970.07.2 (f)(1-5) and for law enforcement projects, regulation Section 4970.15.3(b)(1-5).

Failure by applicant to respond to any OHMVR Division comment of their preliminary application shall be cause for eliminating that item from the applicant's application.

Please note: If multiple proposed projects are requesting funding for the same deliverable, and multiple projects are successful, only one project will receive funding for the deliverable.

### General Evaluation Criteria

- #2 – The applicant needs to verify response.
- #4 – The applicant needs to verify response.
- #5 – The applicant needs to verify response.
- #9 – The applicant needs to verify response.

Ground Operations	G11-02-15-G01
Project Description	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No comment.</li> </ul>	
Project Cost Estimate	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff – Seasonal Maintenance Worker – This appears to be a duplicate item.</li> <li>• Staff – Stewards Vol Trl Crew – The applicant needs to provide additional details on the food item and needs to move the Vehicle Fuel Support to the Equipment Use Expense category.</li> <li>• Staff – Seasonal Maintenance Worker GS5– This appears to be a duplicate item.</li> <li>• Staff – Seasonal Maintenance Worker GS4 – This appears to be a duplicate item.</li> <li>• Staff – Asst Forest Rec Officer – This is an Indirect Cost.</li> <li>• Contracts – Other Toilet Pumping Service – This appears to be duplicate item.</li> <li>• Materials/Supplies – Other Batteries, AA – This cost is excessive. The applicant needs to identify how these items relate to the project.</li> <li>• Equipment Use Expense – Hume 3409 mileage – The applicant needs to identify the vehicles to be used.</li> </ul>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Equipment Use Expense – LE Patrol is not eligible under this project type.</li> <li>• Purchase – Dump Truck – This item is not identified as part of the project. The applicant needs to provide information in the Project Description regarding this item.</li> </ul>
<b>Evaluation Criteria</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• #6 – The project description does not support “Re-routing of trails to divert away from...”.</li> <li>• #7 – Project description/activities do not contain maps.</li> <li>• #8 – The narrative does not support a “Yes” response.</li> </ul>

Restoration	G11-02-15-R01
<b>Project Description</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No comment.</li> </ul>	
<b>Project Cost Estimate</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contracts – Survey –The contract with TEAMS is not adequately explained in the cost estimate or project description. The applicant needs to provide more information regarding this line item.</li> <li>• Other – Other–Appropriated Funding –The applicant must explain “Other-Appropriated Funding” as it relates directly to the project and how the cost was determined.</li> </ul>	
<b>Evaluation Criteria</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• #3 – The applicant needs to provide the date for the reference document.</li> <li>• #5 – The applicant needs to supply a date for the identified plan.</li> <li>• #6 – The project description does not support the response.</li> <li>• #7 – The applicant needs to identify the Stakeholders.</li> <li>• #10 – The narrative does not support the response. Project description indicates planning project will address open and closed routes.</li> <li>• #11 – The response is not applicable. Project is restoration planning; no sensitive area will be restored.</li> </ul>	

Education and Safety -	G11-02-15-S01
<b>Project Description</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A – Funding for FPO training for OHV patrols appears to be a component of a Law Enforcement project. CPR and First Aid refresher training is a component of a Safety project, not an Education project.</li> </ul>	

### Project Cost Estimate

- Staff – All staff line items – The applicant needs to provide information regarding how each position has a role in the project.
- Staff – Other Fire Prevention FPO Kern River – The applicant needs to verify the UOM.
- Equipment Use Expense – Other Fire Prevention vehicle mileage costs – This does not appear to be related to the scope of the project.
- Other – Per Diem – Cost per day appears excessive (\$139); the applicant needs to provide a breakdown of costs.
- Indirect Costs – Total Indirect Costs may not be greater than 15% of the direct grant request amount.

### Evaluation Criteria

- #2 – The applicant needs to verify response.
- #4 – The applicant needs to individually identify how each partner will contribute to the project.
- #6 – The narrative does not support both Conference calls and Meetings with Stakeholders selections; the applicant needs to identify stakeholders.
- #7 – The narrative does not fully support testing process selection. The applicant needs to provide additional information.
- #10 – The narrative does not address the selective items with regard to “Hands on learning”, “CDs/DVDs” and “Interpretive talks”.